

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 8, please replace the first paragraph with the following paragraph:

The blade 36 is then moved to a second portion-position closing the port 20 and severing the tissue portion 24. Continued vacuum, indicated arrow 71 as illustrated in Figure 3 evacuates the tissue portions 24, from the lumen 30. Thereafter vacuum is reduced, or stopped, by the controller 50 through valve 52 before moving the blade 36 from the second position to the first position. The controller 50 may be provided an input signal corresponding to blade 36 position by a separate line 73 to the stopped-stepper motor 54. A separate sensor, not shown, may be utilized to generate the blade position signal as a function of time or such signal may be generated by the stopper motor 54.